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Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

Also attached is an international search report (ISR) in which all or some of the non-English documents have been cited. Please also refer to the specification of the subject application for a discussion of the relevance of the following non-English documents:

JP2000-262307, JP2938784, JP09-323708, JP11-198233, WO02/38459 A1, and WO03/022697 A1

For non-English reference JP2002-177020 and WO 02/47993 please refer to the U.S. equivalent U.S. Publication No. 2004/045138 A1. For non-English reference JP05-505325 please refer to U.S. Patent No. 5.020.194

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